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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINHSASA 2432

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SUBJ: ZAIRE- ISAREL RELATIONS

REF: KINSHASA 2305

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MORRAT TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AFTER SHARH ZAIRIAN REACTION TO SHOOT- DOWN OF LIBRAN PLANE (KINSHASA 1520) ISRAEL HAD DECIDED TO TRY TO REPAIR SITUATION. THEREFORE, GOI RECENTLY SENT HIGH- LEVEL EMISSARY FROM JERUSALEM TO SEE MOBUTU IN BRUSSELS TO EXPLAIN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. MOBUTU REPLIED HE FELT OBLIGED AS ONE OF AFRICA' S LEADERS TO CRITICIZE THIS REGRETTABLE EVENT. HOWEVER, HE ASSURED ISRAELI EMISSARY THAT TONE AND CONTENT OF STATEMENT ISSUED IN HIS ABSENCE EXCEEDED WHAT HE INTENDED. COMMENT: MORRAT SAYS HE HEARD THIS LATTER STATEMENT EARLIER IN KINSHASA AND TAKES IT WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. END COMMENT.

3. MOBUTU REPORTEDLY ASSURED ISRAELIS GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT HE
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HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THEM.

4. WHILE IN MAURITANIA, MOBUTU IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE A SPEECH ADVOCATING A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS AS IN THE CASE OF VIETNAM. (WOULD APPRECIATE NOUCKCHOTT CONFIRMATION). ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE WAS PLEASED WITH THIS STATEMENT WHICH IS IN LINE WITH MOBUTU' S PEKING INTERVIEW WITH HEIKAL.

5. KINSHASA PRESS MARCH 26 3. THERE WAS NO OTHER DAMAGE REPORTED TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND NO PERSONAL INJURY RESULTED.

4. OSI REPORTED AN UNEXPLODED PIPE BOMB ONE AND ONE/ HALF BY TEN INCHES ENCASED IN PLASTIC BAG WIH 12 INCH PROTRUDING FUSE WAS FOUND AT 0930 HOURS, MARCH 25, ON HOOD OF LINCOLN CONTINENTAL POV WITH XA TAGS, BELONGING TO USN SAILOR. VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE IN ATHENS SUBURB OF KALAMAKI, NEAR USAF BASE. DEVICE BEING STUDIED BY POLICE.

5. COMMENT: MARCH 25 IS CELEBRATED AS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY . ATHENS ATTACK WAS FIRST TO OCCUR IN CITY PROPER. TASCA

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